



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope, with sufficient postage, addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

August 29, 2001
Date of Deposit

Darin E. Bartholomew, Reg. No. 36,444
Name of Applicant, Assignee or
Registered Representative


Signature

August 29, 2001
Date of Signature

RECEIVED

SEP 05 2001

Technology Center 2100

Our Case No.: 10022-18

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Como et al.

Serial No.: 09/710,154

Filing Date: November 9, 2000

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
BUSINESS PLANNING VIA A
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Examiner: To be assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 2161

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of each reference are enclosed for the convenience of the

examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
5,974,395	10/26/99	Bellini et al.
5,983,202	11/9/99	Yabe et al.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Applicants hereby certify that each item of the information disclosed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to filing of the present statement, as evidenced by the enclosed search report, dated June 14, 2001, for international application number PCT/US00/42105.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D E Bartholomew', is written over a horizontal line.

Darin E. Bartholomew
Registration No. 36,444
Attorney for Applicants

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. Box 10395
Chicago, IL 60610 - (312) 321-4200